

Remarks

Claim 7 is amended.

Claims 1-5, 7 and 9-16 are pending.

Claims 9 and 11-15 are withdrawn.

Claims 1-5, 7, 10 and 16 are under consideration.

Claim 7 is amended to make the structure of formula (3c') more clear. A new substituent "G" is inserted and defined as H, Me or Et (hydrogen, methyl or ethyl).

No new matter is added.

Claim Rejections

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, for reasons of record.

The Examiner objects to the substituent drawn as "H, Me or Et". This is corrected by amendment as outlined above.

In view of the amendment to claim 7, Applicants submit that these rejections are addressed and are overcome.

Claims 1-5, 7, 10 and 16 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Reuscher, et al., U.S. Pat. No. 5,728,823.

Applicants respectfully rebut these rejections.

Firstly, the elected specie is compound 116a on page 38 of the disclosure:

Consequently, and despite of the broad generic formula given, Reuscher not only fails to exemplify the present compounds, but fails to provide any motivation to the person skilled in the art to employ amino-derivatized polysaccharides as starting material for the reaction with heterocyclics such as cyanuric chloride, and is far from giving any hint on the preparation of such educts. Reuscher does not suggest the present compounds, and does not enable the skilled person to prepare said compounds.

Further, present claim 5 requires the spacer B to be 1,2-ethylene, 1,3-propylene or 1,2-propylene. The limitations of present claim 5 are further not fairly suggested by Reuscher. The more specific description of R² of Reuscher does not allow for overlap with the compounds of present claim 5. The generic description of Reuscher is extremely broad.

In view of these remarks, Applicants submit that the 35 USC 103(a) rejections are addressed and are overcome.

In view of the present amendments and the above remarks, Applicants submit that each of the claim rejections are addressed and are overcome.

The Examiner is kindly requested to reconsider and to withdraw the present rejections.

Applicants submit that the present claims are now in condition for allowance and respectfully request that they be found allowable.

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